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In the Application of Eberhard Jacob et al

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For: COMBINATION EXHAUST GAS POST TREATMENT/MUFFLER  
DEVICE IN THE EXHAUST GAS SECTION OF AN INTERNAL  
COMBUSTION ENGINE

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.56, Applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to the following references:

- 1) GB 2 176 239
- 2) EP 1 262 641
- 3) US 5,514,348 (corresponds to DE 41 41 938)
- 4) EP 0 787 816 (corresponds with DE 697 00 168)

References 1 -3 are all in the English language and therefore need no further discussion as to their relevance. In accordance with United States Patent and Trademark

practice, it is not necessary to enclose copies of the U.S. Patents.

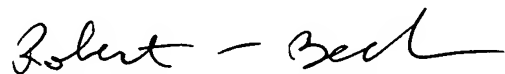
Reference 4, EP 0 787 816, discloses a housing for a catalytic filter, used in the exhaust system of an automobile engine, comprises a central tubular section (4) and tapered end sections (5a,5b), of which at least the central section (4) is made from sheet steel containing by weight 0.002-0.015% carbon, 0.5-1.2% chromium, 0.5-1.2% aluminium, 0.1-0.4% niobium and 0.1-0.4% titanium, the rest being iron and impurities, the sheet having a protective coating of aluminium and possibly silicon. Also claimed is dipping the sheet steel in a bath of molten Al, possibly also containing Si, prior to forming at least the central part of the housing therefrom.

Copies of the listed documents, with the exception of any US Patent references, are submitted herewith along with the form PTO-1449.

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Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this application is respectfully requested.

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U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
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	3	5,514,348	5/7/1996	Bayer et al			6/20/1994

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
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	1	GB 2 176 239	17 Dec 1988	Great Britain			X
	2	EP 1 262 641	04 Dec 2002	Europe			X
	4	EP 0 787 816	09 Sep 1999	Europe			X

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